

Year 2—Quarter 1 The Bible

# The Bible is My Sword in Times of Temptation

#### Jesus is Tempted

After Jesus was baptized, He went on a big adventure in the desert for **40 whole days**. He didn't eat anything, so He was super hungry. That's when the sneaky devil tried to trick Jesus into doing bad things, not just once, but three times!

First, the devil said, "If you're really God's Son, turn these stones into bread so you can eat!" But Jesus knew better. He said, "No way! **The Bible says** people don't live just by eating bread, but by following every word God says."

Next, the devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, "If you're really God's Son, jump off! God's angels will catch you." But Jesus didn't fall for that trick either. He said, "**The Bible tells us** not to test God."

Lastly, the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and said, "I'll give you all

this cool stuff if you just bow down and say I'm the boss." But Jesus was strong and said, "Scram, devil! **The Bible says** we should only worship God."

And just like that, the devil ran away, and angels came to take care of Jesus. Jesus showed us that **by knowing and following God's words**, we can say "no" to temptation and choose to do what's right!



# **Power Point**

Quoting Scripture helps us win against the devil.

MEMORY VERSE Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

# Apply the Lesson

#### 1. Use God's Words to Make Good Choices:

**Tommy:** When Tommy was offered a cheat sheet before a test, he remembered the verse "Do not steal," and decided to study instead.

**Jesus** used Scripture to say no to the devil, we can use Bible verses to help us make good choices when we're tempted to do something wrong

#### 2. God's Help is Stronger than Temptation:

**Sarah:** Even though Sarah really wanted to play her video game instead of doing homework, she asked God to help her focus, and she finished all her work first.

**Jesus** showed us that even when we're really tempted, like He was after not eating for 40 days, God's help is powerful enough to resist temptation<sup>-</sup>

#### 3. Praying Helps Us Say No to Bad Things:

Lucas: Before going to a party, Lucas prayed for

strength to say no to peer pressure, and he felt brave enough to not follow the crowd when they were being mean.

**Jesus** spent a lot of time praying in the desert. When we pray, it makes us stronger and helps us say "no" to things that aren't good for us.

#### 4. God's Plan is the Best Plan:

**Emma** had a chance to be in a popular group by being unkind to others, but she chose to be friendly to everyone, trusting that being kind was part of God's plan for her.

**Jesus:** The devil tried to give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, but Jesus knew that following <u>God's plan</u> was way better than anything else

**Remember**, just like Jesus, we can choose to do what's right, even when it's hard!

### **Dig Deeper**

**The Temptation of Jesus** The Devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, to jump off the Temple, and to worship him. Jesus beat all of Satan's challenges in His life. God wants us to use the word of God to win against the Devil.

Three times Jesus said to the Devil, "It is written" (Read VV. 4, 7, 10). The key to beating Satan is to stand strong in the Word of God to defeat him.

(Interesting note: Jesus won over the same temptations that the nation of Israel faced in the wilderness. They forced a test upon God in their time of need, but Jesus faced each challenge with a quote from God's Word.)

Each time, Jesus spoke God's word to resist when Satan tried to make Him disobey. God wants us to stand in His Word and to speak it with power when we are tempted. It is the Word of God that provides the winning blow to the Devil when he tries to make us sin.

(Further reading: Mt. 5:17-18; John 10:35; Mark 7:1-13)

#### **Drama: Breaking the Chains**

Have a short skit where two or three are dressed in dark clothing and represent the Devil's angels. They are lifting a net up around a girl who has recently become a Christian. She has been taught to quote the Bible in times of temptation, but she forgets to do it at first.

Have a huddle of Christians pray for her. Let the demons be shaken by the prayer. Then, let the girl remember to quote the Bible. She says, "I resist the devil." She goes on, "The Bible says if I resist the Devil he will flee away. Flee away Satan!" The demons drop the net and fall, then run away.



### **Books of the Bible Memory Project**

If you have decided to adopt the Books of the Bible Memory Project for your class, have stars ready for your students to put on the STARBOARD.

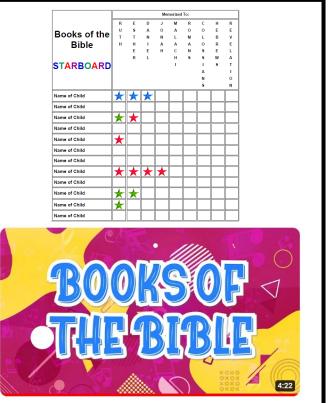
# **Books of the Bible Song**

Use the Mary Rice Hopkins song from YouTube to make it fun for your kids to learn the books of the Bible.

# **Award Certificate/Prizes**

Consider giving your students a certificate of completion. (See supplement page)

**Other ideas:** Offer a prize, give a new Bible, invite them to all say the books of the Bible together on stage in a church service and give them their certificates there.



By Mary Rice Hopkins on YouTube

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#### **Games and Activities**

#### Make some Bread

Follow a simple recipe to make some bread. Allow your children to help you measure out all the ingredients needed.

When you are waiting for the bread to bake. Remind your child how Satan tempted Jesus to turn a rock into bread. Speak about how that would be impossible for us, but Jesus could have done it. Speak about how just because we CAN do something, it doesn't always make it the right thing to do.





#### Sand Play

To help understand that Jesus was in a desert praying allow your child to have some free sand play.

Either use a sand table, or just pour a little sand into a tray. You could also take a trip to the beach.

While playing with the sand, try to imagine what it must be like inside a desert.

# Game:

Remind your child how Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness without any food. Have a competition to see how long they can do a difficult thing. For example:

- Standing on one leg
- Balancing something on their head
- Stay silent

Not watching TV and so on.

